

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-21 Cancelled.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a body component, comprising the following steps:

(a) forming a multiplicity of cup-like recesses, which point in one direction, in a flexible metal foil, wherein all cup-like recesses formed in the flexible metal foil point in said one direction;

(b) forming a laminated structure by applying a covering layer to that side of [[the]] said flexible metal foil on which [[the]] openings of [[the]] said cup-like recess are located;

(c) applying an adhesive to [[the]] end faces of the recesses; and

(d) joining [[the]] said laminated structure to a metal body sheet[[, the]] by adhesively bonding end faces of [[the]] said cup-like recesses of said laminated structure ~~being adhesively bonded~~ to [[the]] said metal body sheet by means of [[the]] said adhesive, wherein

step (b) is performed prior to step (d).

23. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that [[thē]] said laminated structure and [[the]] said metal body sheet are joined by the application of pressure and the simultaneous supply of heat.

24. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that [[the]] said adhesive is an encapsulated, heat-activatable adhesive system.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that, before [[the]] said joining operation, foam systems, which are activated during [[the]] said joining, are introduced between [[the]] said laminated structure and [[the]] said metal body sheet.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that [[the]] said covering layer is an aluminum sheet.